



# YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

## FOLLOW THESE 3 SIMPLE STEPS OF VOTING

### REGISTER



If you are a United States citizen, a resident of California, not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and will be 18 years of age by November 5, 2002, you can register to vote. To register to vote, you can:

- **Call or visit** your county elections office (see page 60 for contact information).
- **Call** the Secretary of State's Toll-Free Voter Hot Line at 1-800-345-VOTE.
- **Register on-line** at [www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_vr.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm).

Your completed registration form should be received by your county elections office at least 15 days before the election (October 21, 2002).

### LEARN



There are several ways you can learn about candidates and ballot measures.

- **Your County Sample Ballot** provides the location of your polling place, polling place hours, who your local and state legislative candidates are, how to apply for an absentee ballot, and how to use the voting equipment in your county.
- **The State Voter Information Guide** provides the information you need to know about statewide candidates and ballot measures. An audio version is available for the visually impaired by calling 1-800-345-VOTE. The State Voter Information Guide is also available on-line at [www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov).
- **Cal Access** is an on-line tool which provides information on who is contributing campaign funds to support or oppose statewide candidates and ballot measures. Go on-line at [www.cal-access.ss.ca.gov](http://www.cal-access.ss.ca.gov) for more information.
- **Talk with Family and Friends** because the decisions you make in the voting booth are important and help keep our country strong.

### VOTE



Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2002. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- **Find your Polling Place**—The location of your polling place is provided on the back of your county sample ballot. You can also find your polling place by calling your county elections office or on-line at [http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_ppl.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_ppl.htm).
- **To Vote by Mail**—Your county sample ballot contains an application for an “absentee ballot.” In order to receive your absentee ballot in time to vote, this application must be received by your county elections office by October 29th. In order to be counted, your absentee ballot must be received by your county elections office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2002.